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**HIDAKA, Haretaro et al.**

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**FOR: INTEGRATED PIPING PLATE, MACHINING METHOD FOR SAME,  
MACHINING APPARATUS FOR SAME, AND MACHINING EQUIPMENT FOR  
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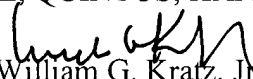
An Information Disclosure Statement was filed on **February 22, 2005**. A copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is attached.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which accompanies the Information Disclosure Statement, marked to indicate that the reference listed therein has been considered by the Office.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned should he have any questions concerning this Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as indicated  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(d)**

**Attn: Group Director**

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which were cited in a Supplemental European Search Report for a corresponding application. One copy of each of these documents is attached.

Although 22 references are cited in the Supplemental European Search Report, 10 references have already been cited in the International Search Report and are not included herein. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after the mailing of a final action, a Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee.

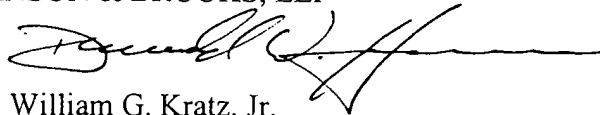
The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

A check is attached hereto which covers the \$180.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this Statement to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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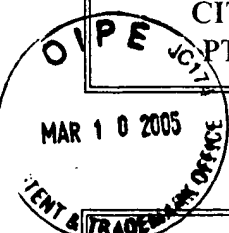


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